

## MEMBERSHIP FORM

I ACCEPT YOUR INVITATION!

Please enroll me as a member of Friends of the Kleberg Public Library, Inc. in the class checked below:

- Junior Friend - \$1.00
- Friend - \$10.00
- Silver Friend - \$25.00
- Gold Friend - \$50.00
- Business/Organization Friend - \$50.00
- Diamond Friend - \$100.00 or more

Dues and contributions are tax deductible.

PLEASE MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

*Friends of the Kleberg Public Library, Inc.  
P.O. BOX 985  
Kingsville, Texas 78364*

Name (as desired on membership):

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Mailing Address:

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Contact Person:

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**MAIL CHECK AND FORM TO:**  
**FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**  
**P.O. BOX 985**  
**Kingsville, Texas 78364**

## HISTORY OF THE ROBERT J. KLEBERG PUBLIC LIBRARY

The beginnings of the Public Library in Kingsville coincide with the beginning of the Kingsville Woman's Club. In 1909, a group of women through the influence of Mrs. Toner, who later became Mrs. Finnegan, first met to form a Woman's Club of Kingsville. One main objective decided upon for the club was "to maintain a free public library in Kingsville."

At club meetings, members responded to roll call with a gift of a book or magazine. Members wrote friends and nearby clubs asking for books and the library movement grew rapidly. By September 1909, the club had secured a room over the Kleberg Bank, rent free, and maintained a library. At this time, members of the club acted as both librarian and janitor. Also, the library dues of 25 cents were paid monthly in addition to club dues.

Through growth and expansion, a new library building was finally completed by the end of May 1959, and the first board was appointed under the jurisdiction of the City of Kingsville. Further building expansion of the June Dotterweich wing was added in 1970.

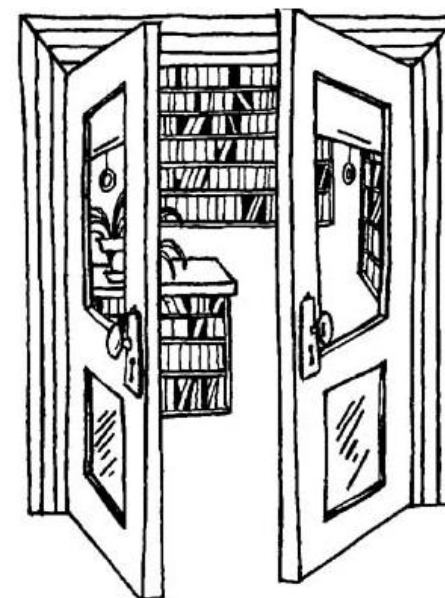
Throughout the years the library has continued to grow. It now houses around 50,000 volumes and over 115 periodicals, including the Kingsville Record newspaper online and on microfilm dating from 1917 to 2011. Over the decades the library has transitioned into the modern age. It now offers Internet and Wi-Fi services, adult and children's computer labs, and an assortment of audio-visual materials. Tech-savvy patrons can view the library's programs and digital services online at [www.kleberglibrary.com](http://www.kleberglibrary.com). These services include online language programs, research databases, test and homework assistance, and an ever growing collection of E-books and Streaming Videos. Currently the library staff is composed of nine full-time and three part-time employees. To this day, our commitment remains: to serve the community to the best of our ability with new and innovative services.

## The Friends of the Robert J. Kleberg Public Library Bookstore

### Donation Guidelines

Membership Application Included

*Come in and Discover  
The Hidden Treasures Inside!*



### Friends Bookstore Location:

**Robert J. Kleberg Public Library**  
**220 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Kingsville, TX 78363**

**Visit the bookstore during the  
library's hours of operation:**  
**Tuesday - Friday: 8 AM – 6 PM**  
**Saturday: 9 AM – 1 PM**

### **BOOKSTORE HISTORY:**

The Friends of the Library Bookstore opened for business in the spring of 1994. Library Director Robert Rodriguez realized the need for a bookstore when he began selling donated magazines to library patrons. The magazine sale was an immediate success. As the quantity and quality of donations the library was receiving increased, the decision was made to create a permanent bookstore.

For over twenty years now, the Friends bookstore has raised funds for the library with items donated by the public. The bookstore is a great *stop* for book lovers who like to shop. It is dedicated to bringing the magic of books to everyone. The bookstore offers hardback and paper back books, magazines, and audiovisual materials. Be sure to visit the bookstore regularly as the materials are ever changing. The bookstore is open everyday during regular library hours. It is the hope of the Friends organization that all customers who walk through the doors of the bookstore find selections that make them happy, and leave with a desire to return.

### **WHERE DO THE PROCEEDS GO?**

Revenues from the bookstore are donated to the library for the purchase of digital services and equipment, new books and support of the Children's Summer Program.

### **TAX RECEIPT:**

Thanks to the efforts of the Texas State Attorney, the Friends received status as a non-profit organization under the IRS Code 501(C)(3) which allows all donations to be 100% tax deductible to the donor. The library does not provide a value for the books donated. The donor determines the value of their donation. If a receipt is wanted for tax purposes, the donor will need to request and fill out a Gift/Donation Acknowledgment Receipt Form for their records.

### **DONATIONS: Please help!**

The Bookstore relies on public donations of books, magazines, movies and other products for all of its sales. Donations must be in good condition in order to sell. Books that have torn covers, missing pages, or have been nibbled on by the family pet cannot be placed in the bookstore. Please recycle damaged books at the recycling center. Through the sale of used books donated by the community, the Friends provide the library funding for materials and programs not otherwise available through the library budget. All donations are also considered for inclusion in the library's collection based on condition and need. Thank you to all who regularly support the bookstore with donations and purchases.

### **DONATION GUIDELINES:**

When the library is open, donations may be taken directly to the library. Arrangements may also be made to have donations picked up by library employees. To arrange a pickup, please contact the library during regular business hours. When donating a *SMALL* number of books, please place books into plastic bags. For *LARGE* numbers of books, please place them in boxes. Library staff is available to help unload donations if assistance is needed.

### **Accept Items include:**

- Clean books in good condition
- Antiquarian books
- Audiovisual materials
- Current year magazines
- Children's puzzles or games

### **Unacceptable items include:**

- Defaced materials: dirty or dusty, broken spines, pages with scribbling, writing, underlining or smoke infested books
- Moldy or mildewed materials

### **WHAT ARE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY?**

The Friends of the Kleberg Public Library, Inc. was organized in spring of 1987 as a non-profit group for the purpose of promoting the interest and welfare of the Robert J. Kleberg Public Library as a cultural and educational asset as set forth in its charter.

### **WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO JOIN THE FRIENDS?**

Anyone who is interested in promoting the library. It is desirable to have all residents, organizations and businesses represented. The library is tax supported and free to all Kleberg County residents.

### **WHAT ARE THE MEMBERSHIP DUES?**

The membership dues vary to accommodate all interested citizens. They are listed on the back of this brochure.

### **MEMORIALS: REMEMBERING A FRIEND OR LOVED ONE**

The Friends of the Library accepts book donations in memory of someone special. When choosing a book in memory of a family member or friend, consideration should be given to the reading interest or hobbies of the deceased. The book will then be presented to the Library in memory of the loved one through the Friends of the Library. A bookplate will be placed inside the book bearing the name of the person being memorialized as well as the name of the donor.

### **HONOR SOMEONE SPECIAL:**

The Friends of the Library accepts financial gifts in honor of someone special. The Friends will recognize the person and bequeath the donation in their honor. Contributions are used to support the Robert J. Kleberg Public Library through enhancement of library programs, services and projects in the library.